

**Proclamation**  
**By the Mayor and Council of the Town of Elsmere**  
**Designating the Month of April 2015 as Autism Awareness**  
**Month in the Town of Elsmere**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and,

**WHEREAS**, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally, and,

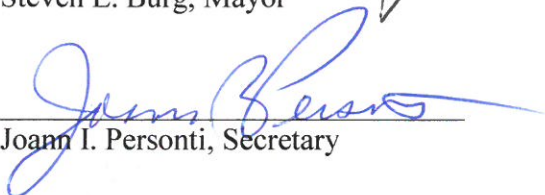
**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives, and,

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Elsmere do hereby proclaim April 2015 as Autism awareness month in the Town of Elsmere, and urges all employees and residents to participate in National Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

Proclaimed by the Mayor and Council on this 09<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2015.

  
Steven E. Burg, Mayor

  
Joann I. Personti, Secretary